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### Missouri Receives Federal IA, PA Disaster Assistance for May Flooding

On June 12, Gov. Matt Blunt announced President Bush approved Missouri's requests for both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance Disaster Declarations for the May flooding.

Individual Assistance Disaster Declaration was approved 17 counties: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Carroll, Chariton, Clay, Davies, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Jackson, Lafayette, Livingston, Morgan, Nodaway, Osage, and Platte. Joint Damage Assessment identified uninsured storm related damages to 558 primary residences and 72 businesses.

Public Assistance Disaster Declaration was approved for 19 counties: Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Carroll, Cass, Chariton, Daviess, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Howard, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Platte, Ray, Saline and Worth. PDA teams identified over \$29 million in damages to public infrastructure in 19 counties. Blunt many request additional counties for Public Assistance, which will reimburse jurisdictions for their eligible emergency protective actions, repairs, or replacement of damaged infrastructure, and debris clearance.

### USDA Approves Blunt's Request for Help for Farmers Affected by Flood

Gov. Matt Blunt announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved his request to help Missouri's farmers impacted by the May floods. The USDA

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ABOVE: Governor Matt Blunt talks with Missouri Water Patrol Captain Hans Huenick about the barge rescue operations. Below: Hwy 65/36 Interchange in Carroll County (photo courtesy Cathy Morrison of Mo. Dept. of Transportation).



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## Director's Report

June 18, 2007

State of Missouri  
All County and Municipal Emergency Management Directors

Dear Colleagues and Associates,

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you information about a recent development concerning the 2008 Spring Conference and plans for that event.



On May 29, 2007, I sent a letter to the Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association (MEPA) President and Board Members advising them of my decision to change how we would handle future annual emergency management conferences. This decision was not intended to be a slight directed towards the MEPA leadership but was made solely to improve our customer service to conference attendees to include MEPA members.

We needed an organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) organization, and desired one which was capable of accepting, handling and depositing conference funds through electronic capabilities. We wanted to provide conference attendees the courtesy of using credit and debit cards for online registration. Our search revealed that the Missouri State Troopers Association (MOSTA) offered all of the above as well as being a registered vendor with several conventions sites in Missouri accustomed to handling the financial arrangements for large conferences. MOSTA's role will be strictly limited to being the fiscal agent handling the financial matters of the conference while all conference planning will remain a matter for SEMA in concert with you.

In order to help identify topics of interest and importance to you, I am seeking volunteers to serve on an advisory committee to help plan the conference agenda as well as providing an open invitation to any input and suggestions you might have. Beyond that, I would hope this committee would continue to meet regularly with us to provide suggestions and cover issues, going beyond the annual conference.

I and Deputy Director Nichols are available to receive your calls, visits or correspondence regarding suggestions for an item on the agenda of the conference, its direction or format, or any other matter of mutual concern regarding emergency management in this State. We look forward to hearing from you with

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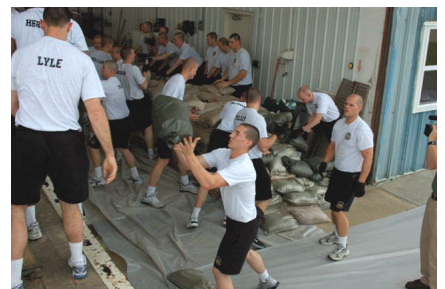
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your ideas or your issues, and having a dialogue that is constructive and productive in nature. Building a relationship that benefits our mutual efforts and citizens of our State is our top priority.

Best Regards,  
Ronald M. Reynolds  
SEMA Director



Thanks to Missouri's Departments of Conservation, Natural Resources, Transportation, and the Highway Patrol for photos in this newsletter.





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approved 49 Missouri counties for federal agricultural help for agricultural losses due to the recent floods.

The counties are: Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Carroll, Camden, Cass, Chariton, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, DeKalb, Gasconade, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Holt, Howard, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Maries, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Montgomery, Nodaway, Osage, Pettis, Platte, Putnam, Randolph, Ray,



**Missouri River Agricultural Flooding** (photo courtesy Dept of Conservation).

Saline, St. Clair, Sullivan, Vernon, and Worth. A federal agricultural disaster declaration will ensure the farm families and farm businesses impacted by the flood are eligible for federal assistance to help with income loss associated with severe weather. Farmers in the 40 counties will have until February 11, 2008 to file with the USDA for assistance.

## More USDA Disaster Designations Approved for Severe Weather

The US Department of Agriculture approved five Agricultural Disaster Declarations for the April Extreme Cold Weather, and May Severe



**OVERTON Bottoms I-70 in Cooper County flooding** (photo courtesy Dept of Conservation).

Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding for Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, and Nebraska. Agricultural producers and farmers in the following Missouri Counties are eligible to apply for assistance.

- Barry, Butler, Dunklin, Howell, McDonald, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Ripley, Stone, and Taney Counties before January 18, 2007.

- Atchison, Harrison, Mercer, Nodaway, Platte and Worth Counties before January 25, 2008.

- Andrew, Buchanan, Cape Girardeau, Clark, Holt, Jasper, Jefferson, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Perry, Pike, Ralls, Scott, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Ste. Genevieve Counties before February 1, 2008.

- Atchison and Holt Counties before February 2, 2008.



**Big Lake in Holt County**

## The May Flooding Event Overview

The National Weather Service predicted a major flood event with record river crests similar to the 1993-95 floods. The flooding forecast based almost solely on the May 1-7 rains.

**River flooding:** Heavy rainfall during from May 1- 7 resulted in flooding for the Missouri River flooding initially at Atchison, Holt, Andrew, Carroll, Chariton, and Ray Counties. The 102 and the Platte Rivers flooded in Nodaway, Andrew, and Buchanan Counties. The Nodaway River flooded in Holt, Nodaway and Andrew Counties. The Grand River flooded in Livingston, Carroll, Chariton, Daviess and Grundy Counties. The Big and Little Tarkio Rivers flooded in Atchison and Holt Counties.

**Levees:** No federal levees were breached; however, approximately 20 non-federal levees were overtopped. Levee breaks caused flooding along many river bottoms in the region resulting in a loss crops. Seven non-federal levee breaks on the Missouri River flooded the Village of Big Lake, and at Big Lake State Park. Levee breaks on the Big and Little Tarkio Rivers closed I 29 and threatened Craig. A levee break on the Nishnabotna River also closed I 29 and threatened Watson. Levee breaks on the Grand River have threatened Sumner, Bosworth, Brunswick, and flooded Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

**Fatalities:** There was one fatality as a result of the flooding: A St. Joseph man died from a heart attack while helping with evacuations.

Gov. Matt Blunt activated the State Emergency Operations Center and initiated a series of rapid responses to ensure the state is ready to respond to the flooding event, and help local communities with their disaster response efforts. He signed four executive orders:

Declared a State of Emergency, allowing State resources to help local governments;

Activated the Missouri National Guard for emergency duty;

Waived MoDOT and Federal Motor Carrier restrictions on commercial vehicles responding with relief efforts;

and

Authorized Department of Natural Resources to expedite disaster cleanup.

The State agencies identified key resources to deploy sandbags, pumps and other necessary equipment. SEMA conducted conference daily calls with affected counties and responding state agencies.

A flood risk assessment team developed river crest projection maps to determine potential flooding trouble areas. The Missouri team members were Department of Transportation, SEMA, National Guard, Department of Natural Resources, Corps of Engineers, and the National Weather Services. The Missouri State Highway Patrol conducted aerial surveillance of bridges and waterways for the team.

#### **Run Away Barge Secured -**

Thursday, May 10 about 10 p.m., a floating restaurant near Glasgow broke free of its moorings on the Missouri River. Through the joint efforts of Missouri's State Water Patrol, and State Highway Patrol, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Coast Guard the restaurant boat was secured at mile-marker 216 near Arrow Rock. However a smaller barge carrying restaurant fuel continued down the River under the Missouri River Hwy 87 and I-70 bridges at Boonville.

On Friday morning May 11, the Water Patrol found and secured the runaway barge about 17 miles north of the Missouri River Bridge at Jefferson City. Other response organizations were Southern Boone County Fire District, the State Highway Patrol, and the Capitol Sand Company's tug.

**Two hotlines established** to help citizens. The American Red Cross established an 800-telephone number, which provided sheltering information, and resources for citizens. AmeriCorps manned donations and volunteer 800-telephone number to coordinate volunteers, donated goods, referral services for citizens.



Governor Matt Blunt conducted a press conferece on the May Flooding from the SEOC floor. Pictured from left are: Missouri Adjutant General King Sidwell, Missouri State Highway Patrol Superintendent James Keathley, Governor Blunt, SEMA Director Ron Reynolds and DPS Director and State Disaster Flooding Response Incident Commander Mark James.



ABOVE: SEMA Director Reynolds rides boat conducting damage assessments in Big Lake (Holt Co). LEFT: Highway Patrol Recruit class sandbags at JC Airport. BELOW: Water Patrol's Ralph Bledsoe working security missions.





## County Disaster Response Reports

**Andrew County** Officials reported extensive flooding in Amazonia, Nodaway, and Rosendale; over 100-200 residents were evacuated from flooded communities; about 20 county roads and a half-dozen state roads are closed.

**Atchison County** Officials reported flooding on the Tarkio River closed Highway 59 south of the junction with Highway 136; Tarkio and Fairfax water plants were threatened by rising water.

**Boone County** Officials reported numerous water rescues in Columbia and county; sandbagging operations conducted in Hartsburg, Huntsville and Rocheport; 16 county roads closed.

**Buchanan County** - One fatality cause by heart attack during evacuation. Officials reported over 64,000 sandbags were filled; evacuations in Agency, Rushville, Lewis & Clark Village, and Lewis & Clark Lake; opened one shelter.

**Callaway County** Officials reported stabilizing a levee on a tributary; 10-12 roads closed.



**Carroll County** Officials reported levees overtopped at four locations; Highway 65 and Highway 10 in Carrollton closed. A levee was mechanically opened to let water flow back out to the Missouri River. About 70 families have been affected by flooding.

**Cass County** Officials reported 32 people evacuated; opened a shelter; numerous roads closed.

**Chariton County** Officials reported a levee break on Grand River near



**MoDOT reported 88 state routes were closed due to May flooding (photo by Cathy Morrison of MoDOT).**

Brunswick flooding 3,000 acres of farmland; additional levee breaks could threaten the towns of Dean Lake and Triplett; and high water at Sumner.

**Clay County** Officials reported extensive flooding on Fishing River in Mosby; private dam breach near Kearney; pumping and sandbagging operations in Missouri City; a levee breach east of Missouri City flooded farmland; Highway 69 is closed near Excelsior Springs; opened one shelter; and Norfolk Southern railroad operations temporarily suspended due to flooding.

**Cooper County** Officials reported minor flooding problems and sewer manhole containments in Boonville; sandbagging in Wooldridge, and some precautionary evacuations.

**Daviess County** Officials reported evacuating Gallatin residents and businesses in low-lying areas along Grand River; levee overtopped in Old Pattonsburg.

**DeKalb County** Officials reported flash flooding in trailer park near Cameron; one shelter opened.

**Gasconade County** Officials reported flooding in two Hermann city parks; monitored river crests, pre-staged sandbags.

**Holt County** Officials reported water rescues and security operations conducted in Big Lake area, where about 500 homes flooded; evacuated 275 people in Craig and Mound City areas because of levee breaches which closed I-29 at

mile marker 84 to mile marker 92. Local officials Army Corp of Engineers surveyed levees to determine their stability; over 50 roads flooded; several bridges damaged; one shelter opened.

**Howard County** Officials reported four county roads closed; New Franklin farmers moved grain out of the elevator; sandbagging in Glasgow; county health department is providing immunizations.

**Jackson County** Officials reported significant flash flooding; evacuations in Levasy, Buckner and Silbey; 10 county roads were flooded. Local officials to issue a Boil Water Order for about 160,000 residents including the city of Independence after a water main break.

**Jefferson County** Officials monitored river levels.

**Lafayette County** Officials reported flooding in Lexington; sandbagging at Lexington water and sewer treatment plants; sandbagging at the Waverly grain elevator; flooding in Waterloo; Highway 224 is closed between Lexington and Wellington; overtopped levee north of Grand Pass.

**Livingston County** Officials reported flooding in Chillicothe; Highways 36 and 65 near Chillicothe were closed; problems with Public Water Supply District #1 which serves communities of Ludlow, Mooresville, and Utica. State agencies secured donated water for citizens, which Department of

Corrections delivered.

**Moniteau County** Officials reported sandbagging on Highway 179 at Sandy Hook.

**Montgomery County** - County officials reported monitoring Missouri River crests.

**Nodaway County** Officials reported numerous roads closed; heavy traffic on Highway 71 and 136 due to closure of I-29 in Holt County.

**Platte County** Officials reported evacuations in Parkville, Riverside and county; water overtopping some levees; businesses flooded in Tracy; 21 county roads; six secondary roads and two primary roads (Highway 45 and Highway 92 at Tracy) are closed.

**Ray County** Officials reported a break on one secondary levee near Orrick, 25 people evacuated, 25 counties, and five state roads are closed.

**Saint Charles County** - Officials monitored river levels.

**Saint Louis City** Officials reported downtown floodgates for minor flooding along the riverfront.

**Saint Louis County** Officials placed response teams on standby; monitored river crests on Meramec, Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

**Saline County** Officials reported residents self evacuated from five homes; several agriculture levees overtopped; two county roads closed.

**Warren County** Officials monitored Missouri River crests.

## State Agency Disaster Response Actions

**State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)** activated the State Emergency Operations Center, for 24-hour operations from May 7-13. DPS Director Mark James was the incident commander for the state's disaster response. SEMA coordinated with state agency resources and assistance with flooded communities. Daily conference calls quickly identified needed resources for local governments.

**Office of Administration (OA)** found and coordinated resources for county and communities disaster



ABOVE: MoDOT sandbagging operations.

Left: OA working logistics to find resources for communities. Left Below: Patrol Officers John Hotz and Tim Hull answer media calls at the SEOC. Below: Corrections Brian Hauswirth worked with media during the Governor's press conference at SEOC.





response. OA personnel and equipment assisted in sandbagging efforts at the Jefferson City Airport. Officials distributed flood information to their building tenants.

**Department of Agriculture (MDA):** conducted a series of agricultural damage assessments with the USDA's Farm Services Agency for crop losses from thousands of acres of flooded farmland caused by agriculture levee overtopping or breaches. No livestock losses were reported due to flooding. Agriculture will work with USDA Emergency Conservation Program for levee districts repairs.

**Department of Conservation (DCC):** Conservation agents assisted with evacuations in Big Lake (Holt County), Rosendale (Andrew County), and rescued two people at Deroin Bend Conservation Area. They assisted with sandbagging operations in Craig and Fortesque in Holt County, and at Brunswick, Sumner, Bosworth levees on the Grand River in Saline County. Agents helped Water Patrol and National Guard with security in Big Lake in Holt County, and Carroll and Chariton Counties. Staff moved equipment out of Bob Brown, Fountain Grove, and Grand Pass Conservation Areas.

**Department of Corrections (DOC)** sent 35-40 inmates to sandbag in Craig (Holt County) Assisted with sandbagging efforts in St Joseph, Boonville, Jefferson City, and Wooldridge. DOC delivered donated bottled water for volunteer organizations.

**Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS):** The Department issued precautions and established a website providing links to flood-related health information; secured Tetanus immunizations for County Public Health offices; coordinated with DNR on Drinking Waters and Private Well issues; GIS staff helped produce maps for the SEOC. Coordinated with DNR on public drinking water and private wells.

**Department of Mental Health (DMH)** offered crisis counseling for flood victims.

**Department of Natural**



**Resources (DNR)** formed flood response teams to work with local officials to identify and work with public operated treatment plants, drinking water systems, permitted facilities, and energy facilities susceptible to flooding. DNR also worked on possible hazardous material issues, and contacted facilities along the Missouri River storing or distributing chemicals. Checked the integrity of dams in the affected area. DNR worked on solid waste, cleanup, drinking water systems, wastewater issues, and household hazardous waste problems due to the flooding. Coordinated with DHSS on Drinking Water and Private Well issues.

**Department of Social Services (DSS)** worked on emergency food and water requests and sheltering issues

**Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** reported 88 state road and some minor routes were closed. Issued news releases and posted statewide road closure information to MoDOT website. Because a portion of I-29 is closed between St Joseph and the Iowa border, traffic was re-routed north of St Joseph on Highway 71 to Maryville, and Highway 136 to Rock Port. MoDOT is also provided barricades and other support to local jurisdictions.

MoDOT reported the following Major Road Closures in: **Carroll County** - Hwy 65 south of Carrollton, Hwy 10 west of Carrollton, Hwy 24 east of Carrollton; **Chariton County** - Hwy 24 west of Brunswick, Hwy 139 near Sumner; **Holt County** - Hwy 159 west of I-29, Hwy 111

north of Oregon, Hwy 118 west of Mound City; **Lafayette County** - Hwy 224 at Hwy 24; **Moniteau County** - Hwy 179 near Sandy Hook; and **Ray County** - Hwy 10 near Hardin

**Department of Public Safety Actions:**

**Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP)** issued emergency public information on flooding to motorists. Conducted aerial surveillance of bridges, monitoring levee breaches, and waterways for damage assessments along the Missouri River from Iowa State Line to Jefferson City. Troop H provided security at Big Lake (Holt County). Helped Water Patrol find the run away barge on the Missouri River.

**Missouri State Water Patrol (MSWP)** rescued/evacuated 25 people from Big Lake, 4 people from Little Blue River, deployed nine officers to Kansas City and Missouri City; coordinated with the US Coast Guard on the Missouri River. As the waters receded in NW Missouri, the patrol moved personnel to various locations on the Missouri River between Brunswick and Jefferson City; issued an order restricting boating on the Osage River for Osage Bend evacuations. The Water Patrol provided security at Big Lake; secured the run-away barge north of Jefferson City.

**Missouri National Guard:** sent liaison officers to every county that opened emergency operations centers and activated over 100 soldiers for security and sandbagging assistance.

The Missouri National Guard secured flight facilities at Jefferson City Airport and at Rosecrans Memorial Airport in St. Joseph.

## Federal Agency Disaster Response Actions

**Army Corps of Engineers (COE)** - The COE sent two liaison officers to the SEOC to assist in response coordination. COE operated EOCs in Kansas City and St. Louis for operations. COE distributed over 769,000 sandbags; (issued 132,000 sandbags to communities along the Missouri River and pre-positioning 300,000 sandbags at Jefferson City Office for distribution to downriver communities). The Kansas City District Office reports no overtopping or breaching of federal levees. Approximately 20 on-federal levees have been overtopped, six failed. In St. Charles County, seven levees might overtop if the river crests at 33 feet.

**U.S. Coast Guard** - sent Liaison Officers to the State EOC to assist in response coordination and provided assistance for barge rescue operations at Glasgow, and other operations on the Missouri River in Jefferson City.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** sent a liaison to the SEOC to coordinate with SEMA and other federal agencies co-located at the SEOC for flood response activities. FEMA conducted Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) in affected areas.

**National Weather Services (NWS)** participated in daily conference calls. The Springfield NWS office sent a meteorologist and a hydrologist to the SEOC.

## Volunteer Agency Actions

**American Red Cross (ARC)** assisted with shelter operations in Brunswick and Mound City. American Red Cross activated the Citizen Assistance and sheltering information Hotline.

**The Salvation Army (TSA)** provided flood cleanup kits to flood victims; set up a canteen in Jefferson City



Above: DPS Director Mark James talks with SEMA ops staff; in background, . Brian Jamison talkse with FEMA Rep Alan Garrison.

Right: NWS's Steve Runnels and a hydrologist work in the SEOC on the river crest information.

Below: USCoast Guard members work on the Missouri River flooding especially the escaped barge near Brunswick.

Bottom: Army Corps of Engineers sent levee specialists to work at the SEOC.



for sandbagging operations; sent response teams to Missouri River communities.

**Americorps** sent representatives to local jurisdictions in Northwest Missouri to coordinate long-term recovery projects; activated Volunteer and Resources Hotline.







Platte River nearly topping base of RR Bridge



Concrete block wall fortified by 15,000 sandbags closes MO Highway 45 near Farley, MO.

## **Critical Infrastructure Mitigation Effort During Missouri Floods has Regional Impact**

**By Maj Gen (Ret) Greg Gardner, Supervisory Protective Security Advisor Midwest Area, DHS**

On 9 May 07, Platte County authorities, private sector, and community volunteers worked as a team to build a 9ft high 228ft long barrier on both sides of the Platte River to fill the gap where the levee drops to accommodate the Highway 45 at Farley Road and Railroad Bridges. This mitigation effort protected homes, businesses, and kept the railroad bridge, open for 52 hours.

**Background:** In 1993 Floods, porous rock under railroad tracks leaked and allowed water under sand bag barriers resulting in flooding in parts of Platte County MO.

**Solution:** remove ballast under tracks down to the concrete base, build back up a non-porous support for the track then build an interlocking block concrete retaining wall to fill the gap in the levee left open for the highway and RR bridges.

**CI/KR Mitigation Plan:** Build barrier including across the railroad tracks, then mark blocks with assembly numbers, remove blocks over tracks, allow trains to run until 2 hours prior to water level rising to the track opening. Then rebuild the wall across the railroad track opening with marked blocks, sandbags, and riprap rock (one hour estimated completion time). After the Platte River crested and high water receded the barrier would be removed and concrete blocks stored by levee districts.

As a result, approximately 160 homes/businesses were protected. This

action enabled about 130 trains (75 coal, 22 grain, 33 manufactured) to cross the Platte River on the RR line between Nebraska and Kansas City and points onward. These trains have an interdependent regional impact on at least three CI/KR Sectors: Energy Sector (coal trains support power plants in about six states), Agriculture & Food Sector (grain for animal feed and food products for people), and Defense Industrial Base Sector (aircraft parts).

Had the community leaders chosen to build the barrier and not left the railroad bridge open, those 130 trains would have been rerouted going 500-800 miles off route causing 24 to 26 hour delays at a very high cost that is eventually borne by all of us.

Unified Command (Levee Boards, BNSF, Platte Co Sheriff's Dept) was used for the entire operation, from planning, coordination and execution. Planning meetings held every two hours during the operation included Sheriff Anderson.

Prior to closing MO Highway 45, Southern Platte Fire Department Chief Richard Carrizo directed ambulances and firefighting vehicles to be pre-positioned on both sides to allow independent response to separated parts of the county. He coordinated Mutual Aid with Leavenworth KS Fire Department, and West Platte Fire Ambulance District to the north for ambulance service if needed in the affected area to the west of Farley.

### **Participating Organizations &**

**Contribution:** Levee Boards from both sides of river. Platte County Sheriff provided on-site management, traffic control and security. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) deployed 70 emergency crews, equipment (tractor trailer loads of heavy equipment, a full Mobil Operations Center, and full kitchen/food dispensing trailer and purchased the interlocking concrete blocks, dug out ballast and used heavy equipment to build 228 feet of interlocking concrete block barrier 9ft high and placed rip-rap on the river side of the barrier. BNSF personnel returned May 11 to help remove the barrier.

150 local volunteers filled and stacked approximately 15, 000 sandbags behind concrete block wall. Wristbands were used as credentialing for all volunteers. Missouri Department of Transportation (MO DOT) provided signs and MODOT crews handled the road closure operations 24/7 until the water receded and MO Hwy 45 was reopened

City of St. Joseph responded and provided 5,000 additional filled sand bags. Platte County Road & Bridge Department provided crews & sandbag filling machine that filled a sandbag every 4 seconds. Platte County Road & Bridge Department uses sandbag filler they invented.

Food and drinks were donated from Papa Johns Pizza, Mr. Good Cents, and local residents.

## Changes at SEMA

### Promotions

**Patrick Duncan** and **Brenda Gerlach** both Emergency Management Officers in the Planning and Disaster Response Branch have been promoted to Planner II.

**Tina Brown**, Administrative Office Support Assistant in the Training Section has been promoted to Executive I in the MERC section.

**June Simonton**, Office Support Clerk II has been promoted to Administrative Office Support Assistant in the Training Section of the Operations Branch.

### New Employees

**Bill Duenow** of the Office of Administration is the new Information Technology Director for SEMA. He came to SEMA from the Missouri Veteran's Commission.

**Dawn Warren** is the New Executive Director of the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC). Prior to joining SEMA, Ms Warren was the former Gasconade County Emergency Management Director, and worked in several areas for Kaneb Pipeline formerly known as Kock Pipeline.

**Sara Jones**, formerly of the Hannibal Chapter of the American Red Cross, is a Planner II working with Dante.

**Jack Ratez** is the new training assistant in Operations, Training & Exercises.

### Congratulations

**Chuck May**, Planning and Disaster Recovery Branch Chief, has a new grandson.

**Craig Rodick**, Fiscal Branch Chief, on his daughter's recovery from a car accident.

**Steve Moody**, Operations Branch Chief, on his successful shoulder surgery.

**Debbie Rathert**, SEMA's Homeland Security Grant branch, who is recuperating from a broken shoulder.

**John Campbell** named Interim Operations Branch Chief while Moody is out on sick leave.

### Resignations

**O.J. Stone**, formerly with the training section in the Operations Branch, accepted a position with the Dept. of Public Safety's homeland security coordinator, Paul Fennwald.

**Helen Stewart**, Office of Administration IT GPS specialist accepted a promotion and will be providing IT support for the Department of Revenue. Good luck Helen!

**Bob Dopp**, resigned as Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) executive director to become the Franklin County Emergency Management Director.

### Condolences

**Ron Gerke**, in fiscal, on the unexpected death of his father.



**MSPH RADIOLOGICAL TRAINING** – Members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division participate in a Radiological Response Training Course at SEMA this spring. They toured the MSHP “Bearcat” armored personnel vehicle which is equipped with radiological equipment.



**LUDLUM Equipment Presentation** – from left: SEMA Deputy Director Duane Nichols, Captain Dale Schmidt, Troop F Commander, Edward Gray, SEMA's Radiological Emergency Planner, and Lt. Vern Dougan, MSHP Troop F Emergency Response Command Staff.

## Missouri State Highway Patrol Receives Radiological Equipment from SEMA

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in cooperation with AmerenUE Callaway Plant, purchased three Ludlum 2241-3 Radiological Survey Units, with headsets and probes that can detect or measure the three main sources of radiation – Alpha, Beta and Gamma radiation.

Troop F has a highly specialized response unit – the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactical) Team. SEMA's Radiological Planner, Ed Gray, noticed during some training that the SWAT units radiological meters needed upgrading. AmerenUE's \$7,700 grant purchased three cutting edge radiological survey units that can be used in conjunction with their response vehicle.

The Ludlum units will reside with Troop F's emergency response unit. The Highway Patrol SWAT team would be some of the first state agency responders at a radiological incident at the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant, the University of Missouri Research Reactor, or a radiological incident anywhere in the Central Missouri area. The equipment is similar to the equipment that has been purchased by SEMA, Dept. of Health and Senior Services, and Dept. of Natural Resources. This will allow interchangeability of equipment among the State responders.

SEMA will also provide calibration and training services for the Troop F responders.





## State, Feds and 80 Jurisdictions Test Catastrophic Earthquake Response, Recovery Plan in 3-day June exercise

The State's Catastrophic Earthquake Response plan will be exercised and tested in a three-day state exercise (June 19-21), which will include FEMA Region VII in Kansas City, all State Agencies, and 80 local and county response organizations. Missouri Statewide Earthquake Tabletop Exercise is a chance for all State Agencies and local governments to test their catastrophic plans and identify areas to make their plans better.

"A 7.7 magnitude earthquake along the New Madrid Seismic Zone will kick off two distinct response exercises on June 19. Federal, all State Agencies, and local responders will be testing our catastrophic response plan," said Missouri Governor Matt Blunt. "Missouri's exercise will deal with search and rescue, restoring roads and bridges so responders can move water, food, and supplies rapidly into the earthquake impacted areas. We will also look at how we will evacuate the critically injured, and accommodate those wishing to self-evacuate," he said.

The voluntary organizations will also be participating in the exercise. Some of the organizations include American Red Cross, MO Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, AmeriCorps, Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) and Civil Air Patrol.

"The earthquake exercise team designed an exercise that tests the state's plan for both response and recovery operations. All State Agencies will be working at the State Emergency Operations Center. Some local jurisdictions will exercise their roles as "responders," while other jurisdictions will discuss their "support" roles for as distribution sites, sheltering destinations, or caring for the critically injured. For example, the City of Cape Girardeau will conduct full-scale search and rescue exercise on June 21," Department of Public Safety Director Mark James said.



**Members of MoDOT and MSHP discuss road closures and evacuation routes**

State Emergency Management Agency Director Ronald M. Reynolds explained the Statewide Exercise covers six (6) operational periods: Day 1, Day 3 and Day 7 will focus on response; Day 15, Day 30, and Day 45 will focus on recovery including sheltering/housing, rebuilding infrastructure, and continuity of government for local communities. Each operational period will last 4-hours.

The earthquake triggers the Federal Spills of National Significance SONS 07 Exercise in St. Louis and the Missouri Statewide Earthquake Tabletop Exercise. The SONS 07 exercise is a hazardous materials exercise on the Mississippi River. Major Players in this Federal Exercise are U.S. EPA, U.S. Coast Guard, and Missouri's Department of Natural Resources.

## Winter Storms Clean Up Funds Over \$62 Million

As of May 16, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has obligated \$62,638,053 to Missouri for Public Assistance projects from the two severe winter storms. The obligation represents the federal share of the cost of eligible work submitted for reimbursement to date by applicants throughout the declared jurisdictions.

The Public Assistance grant program provides funding in two primary areas: Emergency Work — essential life saving, life sustaining and property damage preventative activities; and Permanent Work — the repair, restoration, reconstruction or replacement of public facilities or infrastructure damaged or destroyed by a disaster. In the case of Missouri's winter storms, the majority of work and funding falls under Emergency Work — i.e., debris removal and emergency protective measures.

Missouri received two Presidential disaster declarations as a result of winter storms: the first for the storm that occurred between November 30 and December 2, 2006; the second for storm damages that occurred January 12-22, 2007. In all, 44 Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis are declared for one or both events. Within those designated areas, 582 jurisdictions have submitted Requests for Assistance.

Debris operations are approaching completion as crews have picked up and disposed of more than 6 million cubic yards of vegetative debris, mostly tree limbs, branches, and stumps broken by the ice. To date, FEMA has obligated more than \$30.7 million to fund debris operations.

Funding for emergency protective measures — actions taken by applicants to save lives, protect public health and safety, and prevent damage to improved public and private property — in the two declarations now exceeds \$10.7 million.

In the area of Permanent Work, almost all of the funding is being provided to public utility companies to repair and

restore hundreds of miles of electrical distribution and transmission lines, and to repair and replace poles, cross arms, transformers, meters and associated hardware. To date, more than \$19.4 million has been obligated for utilities.

## Blunt Signs Good Samaritan Law, Moves SEMA to Better Protect Missouri Families

Gov. Matt Blunt signed legislation that will allow doctors, nurses and other licensed health care professionals protections to better serve Missouri families during declared disasters. The governor called for this legislation in his State of the State address.

House Bill 579, sponsored by Rep. Tom Dempsey, provides Missouri doctors, nurses and other licensed health care professionals serving as Good Samaritans liability protection when assisting Missourians during a declared disaster. The legislation also extends the same protections to licensed health care professionals from other states who volunteer to help Missourians during emergency disaster situations.

To increase efficiency during a disaster, the legislation also moves the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) from the authority of the Adjutant General to the direct authority of the Department of Public Safety Director. The move is one of the state government improvements recommended by the governor's State Government Review Commission. The change will enhance efficiency and response capabilities as SEMA coordinates with all of the various divisions of the emergency response community.

The Good Samaritan legislation

also allows the Department of Health and Senior Services to recruit, train and accept the services of citizen volunteers to dispense medication in a public health emergency under the supervision of a licensed health care professional. This provision will assist the state in continuing to develop a comprehensive plan to deal with the effects of a possible pandemic flu.

## At A Glance

### New Directors

**Lance Critten** (Daviess County), **William Brammer** (Potosi), **Richard Fairman** (Vinita Park), **Doug Vantellman** (Shell City), **Richard Reber** (Branson West), **James Larch** (Hume), **Michael Curry** (Jackson County), **Andrew Evins** (Freeman), **John Robinson** (Texas County), **Derek Sanders** (Mountain View), **Glenn Eagani** (Shelby County), **Roy Snyder** (Verona), **Gary Herstein** (Nevada), **Karen Nelson** (Irondale), **Greg Lowe** (Golden City), **Weldon Sprouse & Denny Herring** (Braymer), **Michael Padella** (Weldon Spring), **Michael Benne** (Platte Woods), **Beverly Hunt** (Franklin), **Paul Harrison** (Stover), **Richard Hogue** (Hartville), **Jack Becker** (Malden), **Rhonda Branson** (Brashear), **Russell Allen** (Ironton), **Eldon Parrish** (Baring), **Douglas Johnson** (Foristell), **Sandra Kildow** (Essex), **Samuel Simon** (City of St. Louis), **James Abner** (Webb City), **Laura Ross** (Cleveland), **Roger Mephram** (Niangua), **Daniel Dyer** (Gasconade County), **Gary Billington** (Sullivan County), **Robert Dopp** (Franklin County), **Arlo Rupke** (Stockton), **Joe Knaup** (Cape Girardeau County),

### Good Luck

**Tim Moser** Pettis County/Sedalia EMD is recovering from a heart attack.

**John Whitaker** left DNR's Environmental Emergency Response to relocate to Seattle.



**McCASKILL VISIT** — Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill visited with state officials in the SEOC about the May flooding response. Pictured from left are DPS Director Mark James, SEMA Director Ron Reynolds, McCaskill's husband Joe, McCaskill and DPS Deputy Director Brian Jamison.



## 590 Attend Emergency Management Conference in Branson



**Top Left: NW MO EMDs, Top Right: MERC Meeting.**

**Above left: Earthquakes - Speaker George Crawford and Steve Besemer. Above: Tom Mohr, Paul Fennewald and Cory Grueber. Top right: Pauline Lewis and Dee Smith.**



**Left: MEPA Honoree John Hark and his wife. Right: Julie Burney gives tips on "Venus/Mars".**



**Left: burning up the dance floor. Below MEPA Board.**



## ***Good News Stories....***

### **Hitt Retires as Cape County EMD**

David Hitt, Cape Girardeau County Emergency Management Director retired April 30 after 11 years. Presiding Commissioner Gerald Jones said Hitt is leaving the county well prepared. Hitt was elected Alderman for the City of Jackson following the April election. The former alderman ran unopposed.

Hitt, 60, told county commissioners in a letter "There are things I want to do while I am young enough and healthy enough to do and enjoy. I want to learn to play the bugle and play taps at military funerals," he said.

Hitt retired from the U.S. Army as a master sergeant after 28 years. He plans to promote issues important to veterans during his retirement. He said he's determined that the World War II and the Korean War veterans are properly honored.

### **Knaup Named Cape County EMD**

Cape County resident Richard "Dick" Knaup replaces David Hitt as the Cape Girardeau County Emergency Management Director. As EMD, he is responsible for coordinating responses to natural and man-made disasters in Cape Girardeau County, overseeing the county's 911 system and recommending steps for making both systems better.

Knaup has a law enforcement background. He worked for USIS, a private investigative company conducting background checks of potential federal employees for security clearances. He served seven years as a court security officer at the federal courthouse in Cape Girardeau and 18 years as police officer in Jackson, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant.

### **Goff Retires As Franklin County EMD**

Jerry Goff, Franklin County Emergency Management Director retired as the Franklin County Emergency Management Director effective May 1, 2007. He served as the first full-time County EMD for 12 years, chair of the Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee, and member of the Franklin County Homeland Security Response Team.

### **Dopp Named Franklin County EMD**

Bob Dopp replaces Jerry Goff as the Franklin County Emergency Management Director. For the past 12 years Dopp was the executive director of the Missouri Emergency Response Commission, which works with local emergency planning committees of their creating emergency response plans, training and exercises, and worked with Missouri's Homeland Security Response Teams.

### **Platte County PC Named to Advisory Committee for 911 Service Oversight**

Governor Blunt named Platte County Presiding Commissioner Betty A. Knight to the Advisory Committee for 911 Service Oversight. Ms. Knight holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Her term ends on April 9, 2009.

### **Northwest MO Hazmat team Responds To Terrorism and Spills**

The St. Joseph New-Press recently featured the Northwest Missouri Hazmat team responding to a spill within a 15 minutes notification. Region H Homeland Security Response Team - an enhanced hazmat team responds to incidents in 15 NW Mo counties. Each resident of Northwest Missouri

contributes 25 cents annually toward operation of the all-volunteer response team made up of fire, law enforcement and medical first responders.

Sgt. Brian Carter, who is chief of operations for the team, says the state-of-the-art equipment and training have been used to handle everyday emergencies and isn't just sitting around waiting for a major catastrophe. Equipment and training have been put to use handling and disposing of dangerous chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine - such as anhydrous ammonia - when police shut down clandestine meth labs.

In addition to the County team headquartered in Buchanan County, the St. Joseph City Fire Department Team specializes in urban search and rescue. Other Northwest Missouri teams are located in Chillicothe and Bethany. An Atchison County team specializes in radiological incidents because of the Cooper Nuclear Power State in Brownville, Neb.

### **Douglas County/Ava Severe Weather Proclamation & Radios to Schools**



Pictured are Teresa Tost Co-Director Ava/Douglas County EMA, James Linder Presiding Commissioner, Richard Mitchell District 1 Commissioner, Leon Harris Mayor of Ava, not present but signed the proclamation was Ron Tost Director Ava/Douglas County EMA and Danny Dry District 2 Commissioner.

Douglas County Commissioners and Ava Officials jointly signed a Severe Weather Awareness



Week 2007 Proclamation stating March 12 through March 16, 2007 as "Severe Weather Awareness Week", which urged Douglas County citizens to prepare for natural disasters.



**NOAA Weather Radio Presented to Schools: Teresa Tost Citizen Corp Coordinator, Ron Tost, EMA Director, and Ava Schools Superintendent Dr. Andy Underwood, along with Representatives from Ava Head Start, Middle School, High School and Elementary School.**

Teresa Tost presents the Ava / Douglas County School district NOAA Weather Radios for the buildings that do not have the intercom system for notifications. The schools received a weather radio for each office in the promotion the National Weather Service did in September. Three additional radios were purchased with the Citizen Corp Council Grant.

## **Blunt Approves CDBG Funds for Caruthersville Recovery**

Gov. Matt Blunt authorized \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help the City of Caruthersville make needed infrastructure repairs from the April 2006 tornado that destroyed half of the city. To date, CDBG state funds to Caruthersville total \$902,000.

The City of Caruthersville will use the CDBG funds to make street and drainage repairs. The Department of Economic Development (DED) administers CDBG funds. Caruthersville has also received a \$300,000 emergency grant to assist with demolition and clean up and a \$102,000 emergency grant to pay for a full time disaster recovery coordinator.

## **Northeast Missouri Medical Reserve Corps Assists in Search and Rescue**

By Carmen Stanton MRC Director and Adair County Chapter, American Red Cross

In April, the Adair County Sheriff's Department requested Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) support for a search and rescue operation in a remote area in Adair County. While the MRC remains chiefly a medical unit that would be activated in a mass casualty situation, we have sponsored two search and rescue classes in the past and have a number of volunteers who are interested in search and rescue. Search and rescue training has given interested volunteers an opportunity to branch out and develop additional skills. It's also been a great recruitment tool by appealing to a broad variety of interests.

MRC Coordinator, Kathryn Magers helped contact volunteers who a) had taken our search and rescue classes, or b) we thought might be interested in responding. Approximately, 20 MRC volunteers responded from 3 counties. The diversity among our volunteers was incredible: firefighters, medical students, nurses, and hospital engineering, just to name a few.

Fortunately, the victim was found while most MRC volunteers were responding to the staging area. I have always encouraged emergency responders to become members, because our unit has a regional focus; if something happens in one location of Area B, we could mobilize volunteers from other areas of the region to respond. That principal was reinforced as volunteers from other areas responded to the call to help.

The MRC unit plans to update the volunteer database, which will be put into the Automated Telephone Network System (ATNS) operated by the City of Kirksville. The MRC is now affiliated with the Adair County Ambulance District and hopes to attract more first responders. They plan to boost their recruiting efforts in the surrounding counties.

## **Kansas City Forms Disaster Medical Assistance Team**

The newly formed Kansas City Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) is part of a member of federally coordinated medical response team that can be quickly deployed during a disaster response. It is one of three Missouri teams – one in Southwest Missouri and the other in St. Louis – that responds to disasters in Missouri or can be federalized by FEMA to help in other states.

The Kansas City facility was officially established in January, and is actively recruiting and training more than 60 volunteers to respond to disasters. The team works with volunteer doctors, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, biomedical engineers and security personnel. The team has all the medical equipment to set up a complete mobile emergency room.

If there was a major earthquake in Missouri, the DMAT team in St. Louis will be impacted. The Southwest and Kansas City teams would be activated to respond.

## **MU Extension's Emergency Management Program Honored**

**By Eric S. Evans**

**MU Extension Emergency Management Specialist**

The University of Missouri's Extension Community Emergency Management Program (CEMP) is recognized as a national "outstanding program" in community development by the Community Development Society (CDS). The award will be presented at the annual conference in Appleton, Wisconsin.



**SAVE's RANDAZZO** – The Structural Assessment Visual Evaluation (SAVE) Coalition Training Coordinator Joe Randazzo recently resigned from the statewide SAVE volunteer position. Randazzo will continue to be active with SAVE Coalition through the St. Louis County Emergency Management Agency. Pictured behind Randazzo are from left: SAVE Chairman Dave Weber of Columbia, SEMA EQ Program Manager Steve Besemer, and SEMA REP Manager and former EQ Program Manager Ed Gray.

## **NWS, DHS Looking to Send NOAA Radios to Non-Public Schools**

**By Jim Kramper, Warning Coordination Meteorologist National Weather Service, St. Louis, MO**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is working with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) to send Weather Alert Radios to non-public schools late spring or early summer.

The three agencies involved with the distribution (NOAA, Dept of Ed, DHS) have identified their key internal audiences (Warning Coordination Meteorologist, Emergency Managers, and schools) and will inform them of the distribution ahead of time.

Tentative information on the distribution of NOAA Public Alert Radios:

There are nearly 42,000 “non-public” schools eligible to receive the Weather Alert Radios. This number includes 35,000 private, independent, parochial, faith-based schools (K-12) and 6,400 higher education 2-, 4-year universities/colleges, PLUS

17,000 K-12 School District Offices.

The radios should be procured and delivery will in mid-May.

## **Seismic Safety Commission Appointments, Re-Appointments**

Melvin C. DeClue, 72 of Union, was appointed to the Missouri Seismic Safety Commission (MSSC). He is a retired engineer. Mr. DeClue served on the California Governor's Earthquake Task Force in the development of emergency preparedness, response and recovery programs.

Dr. Jonathan (David) Rogers, 52 of Rolla, was reappointed to the MSSC. Rogers holds the Karl F. Hasselmann Chair in Geological Engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla. Dr. Rogers holds a bachelor's degree in geology from California State Polytechnic University, a master's in civil engineering and a doctorate in geological and geotechnical engineering from the University of California-Berkley. Dr. Rogers'

Gregory L. Hempen, 56 of Affton, is a geophysicist for URS Corporation. Dr. Hempen holds a bachelor's degree in geophysical engineering from St. Louis University, Master's of geo-engineering from the University of Minnesota and

doctorate in geological engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Each appointment / reappointment is subject to Senate confirmation for a term ending July 1, 2010.

## **Overhoff Joins DNR Geology**

David Overhoff is the new Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Geohazards Geologist with the Division of Geology and Land Survey (DGSL) in Rolla. He is replacing James Palmer who retired in September.

Overhoff has ten years of professional geological experience in both the private and governmental sectors in the areas of environmental geology and environmental engineering. He holds the B.S. degree in geology from Missouri State University (formerly Southwest Missouri State University), and he completed thirty hours of graduate work at New Mexico State University.

Palmer worked closely with the MSSC and SEMA's EQ Program. He plans to continue working for DGLS on a part time basis, and will help Overhoff with a smooth transition into his new job.

## **SEMA Training Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>
7/17-19/07	Emergency Planning (PDS, POST)	SEOC
7/17-18/07	Multi Hazard Safety School Planning (APDS)	Chesterfield
7/24-25/07	Developing & Managing Volunteers (PDS, POST)	West Plains
8/8-9/07	Multi Hazard Safety School Planning (APDS)	West Plains
8/14-15/07	Leadership & influence (PDS, POST)	St. Louis City
8/14-16/07	Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS)	Springfield
8/16/07	Decision Making & Problem Solving (PDS, POST)	St. Louis City
9/11-13/07	Exercise Design & Evaluation (PDS, POST)	Branson

TBD	To Be Determined
PDS	Professional Development Series
APDS	Advanced Professional Development Series
IO	Invitation Only
POST	Peace Officer Standards and Training Certification offered
T-t-T	Train-the-Trainer
LOCAL Only	Participants within 50-mile radius only.





## ***Homeland Security Updates....***

### **Homeland Security Council Focuses on Investment Justifications**

The June 6, 2007 meeting of Missouri's Homeland Security Advisory Council focused on Investment Justifications and Grant Funding Priorities for FY 2007.

Investment Justifications presentations were given on:

- Agriculture Risk Management by Ray Wadley (Agriculture)
- Strengthen Medical Surge Capacity and Patient Tracking by Nancy Bush (Health & Senior Services)
- Catastrophic Planning and NIMS Enhancement by Chuck May (SEMA)
- Missouri Emergency Resource Information Systems (MERIS) by David Finch (Homeland Security)
- CBRNE Detection & Response by Paul Fennewald (Homeland Security) and Dawn Warren (MERC)
- Strengthening Interoperable Communications Capabilities by David Finch (Homeland Security)
- Mass Sheltering & Volunteer Management by Marcus Monroe (Social Services) and Dante Gliniecki (SEMA)
- Law Enforcement Investigations & Operations MIBRS/AFIS and Information Systems by Bruce Clemonds (Highway Patrol)
- Strengthen 911 and Interoperable Communications as it relates to Emergency Response by R.D. Porter (Office of Administration)
- Missouri Information Analysis Center by Van Godsey (MIAC/Highway Patrol)
- Enhance CI/KR Planning and

Protection efforts in order to implement NIPP by O.J. Stone (Homeland Security)

- Training and Exercise Program by Jim Charrier (SEMA)
- The REAL ID Act of 200 by Trish Vincent (Revenue)
- Midwestern United States Fusion Center Integration by Van Godsey (MIAC/Highway Patrol)

Other Presentations were given by:

- Campus Security Task Force by Mark James (DPS)
- Safe Schools Working Group/ERIP Update by Paul Fennewald (Homeland Security)
- MERIS/ERIP Project Update by Steve Pye (IBM)
- SIEC/Interoperability Update by Roger Strope (Highway Patrol) and David Finch (Homeland Security)
- GIS Update by Tim Haithcoat (UMC- Geographic Resources Center)
- Critical Infrastructure Update by O. J. Stone (Homeland Security)
- MOPC Committee Update by Paul Fennewald (Homeland Security)
- MIAC Update by Van Godsey (MIAC/Highway Patrol)
- Health & Senior Services Update on Pandemic Influenza Exec Committee
- RHSOC Update by Paul Fennewald (Homeland Security)

### **Citizen Corps Program Grant Applications Accepted Until July 13**

Any Missouri Citizen Corps Program/Council sponsored by a governmental jurisdiction is eligible to submit a Citizen Corps grant application to SEMA by 5

p.m. **July 13, 2007.** The FY 2006 CCP Application has been posted to the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) website ([www.sema.dps.mo.gov/terrorism.htm](http://www.sema.dps.mo.gov/terrorism.htm)).

**Note:** Citizen Programs/Councils within the Kansas City or St. Louis Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASIs) are excluded from applying for this grant, because Council funds are an allowable USAI expense.

SEMA will host an eligible applicant **Question and Answer session on June 28, 2007** from 10:00am - 12:00pm at the SEOC, Jefferson City, MO. The Citizen Council application will be discussed in detail and further general guidance will be provided.

Citizen Corps Program/Council funding can be utilized for, but is not limited to, starting a new local program, enhancing a current program, or developing/enhancing partner programs.

Please note the following grant guidance changes:

- Up to 15% of total allocation may be used, only with prior written approval from SEMA on programmatic spending to support the hiring of full or part-time personnel (excluding contractors or consultants) to conduct program activities that are allowable under the FY 2006 guidance (i.e., planning, training program management, exercise program management, etc).
- The hourly rate for part-time staff, contractors or consultant trainers cannot exceed \$17.50 per hour.

The application format for this grant is different from past years. The Excel file contains the following three tabs; however applicants are only responsible for the 'Application' tab:

Applicants should complete an electronic copy and submit to [Matthew.Nutt@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Matthew.Nutt@sema.dps.mo.gov) followed by a signed, original hard copy post-marked no later than July 13, 2007 and sent to: SEMA, Attn: Matthew Nutt, P.O. Box 116, Jefferson City, MO 65102